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1.0 Purpose

To design and implement a coordinated program to reduce the risk of nosocomial infections in patients and health care workers.

To provide education on infection control practices to staff, doctors, patients, and as appropriate, to family and other caregivers.

2.0 Scope

Hospital wide.

Patient and family members.

3.0 Definition / Abbreviation

F&B: Food and Beverage

4.0 Responsibility

Infection Control Committee

Medical Department


Nursing Department

Emergency Department

Housekeeping Department

Food & Beverage Department

Laboratory Services

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5.0 Policy

5.1 Apollo Hospitals Secunderabad shall have an Infection Control Program to reduce the risk of nosocomial infections in patients and health care workers.

5.2 All areas of Apollo Hospitals Secunderabad shall be included in the Infection Control Program. The role and responsibility of each department shall be outlined

5.3 The focus of the Infection Control Program shall be to reduce the prevalence and incidence of nosocomial infection in the hospital. As per the hospital's policy, following indicators of infection control and their respective preventive aspects shall be regularly monitored:


Respiratory Tract Infection including Ventilator Associated Pneumonia

Urinary Tract Infection (Catheter related)

Blood Stream Infection related to Central Line Catheters (Invasive Intra-vascular device)

Surgical Skin Site Infection

The Infection Control Committee shall design and implement a coordinated Nosocomial Infection Surveillance Programme.

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5.4 Risk assessment and stratification shall be done to categorize patients and plan infection control interventions. Risks to the patients shall be categorized as Minimal, Moderate and High Risk.


5.5 The Waste Disposal shall be in accordance to the laws of Government of Andhra Pradesh and Government of India.

5.6 The Infection Control Program of Apollo Hospitals Secunderabad shall be designed to minimize the transmission of micro organisms through equipments and the environment, and the adequate methods for cleaning, disinfecting and sterilizing shall be implemented and monitored periodically.

5.7 The Infection Control Program and the Hospitals' management shall develop procedures to provide working clothes to each area and individual. It shall maintain the appropriate supplies of clean and sterile clothes and linen. It shall also include the process for the collection, transport, decontamination and sterilization of dirty linen and clothes.

5.8 The Infection Control Program and the Hospitals' management shall develop procedures for construction and renovation work in the hospital and the approval shall be sought before and after the work from the Infection Control Officer.

5.9 The Infection Control Program shall contain a protocol for handling sharps.

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5.10 The Infection Control Program shall contain a protocol for patients and staffs who experience needle stick injury or exposure to blood and/or body fluids. Each exposure shall be recorded, evaluated and monitored for corrective action and appropriate follow-up care. Universal Precautions pertaining to all patients' sample shall be strictly adhered to and followed within the premises of the hospital.


5.11 The Infection Control Program shall ensure the availability of Personnel Protective Equipment and their use as a part of Universal Precaution. The staff shall be trained and monitored to use the Personnel Protective Equipment.

5.12 The Infection Control Program shall ensure in cooperation with the Department of Food & Beverages, the food safety, staff training, storage and preparation of foodstuffs. Instructions for hand washing, clothing, staff responsibilities and daily disinfection duties shall be implemented and monitored.

5.13 The Infection Control Program shall ensure the infection control practices in operation of the mortuary.

5.14 The Infection Control Committee:

5.14.1 The Infection Control Committee shall oversee all infection control activities. It shall comprise of the individuals who are qualified in infection control practices through education, training and experience.

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5.14.2 The Committee shall include wide representation from relevant departments including management, physicians, nurses, clinical microbiology, central supply housekeeping, F&B, training services and operations.

5.14.3 The committee shall design and approve the programme and the activity for surveillance and prevention.


5.14.4 The Committee shall review epidemiological surveillance data and identify the areas for intervention.

5.14.5 The Committee shall assess and promote improved practice at all levels of the health care facility and ensure appropriate staff training in infection control and safety.

5.14.6 The Infection Control Committee through its Outbreak Investigations and Management Program shall review and provide input into investigations and management of nosocomial epidemics.

5.15 The Infection Control Program shall identify the reference for different indices especially hand wash for surveillance and monitoring from various Internal Agencies including World Health Organization, Centre for Disease Control & Prevention, Atlanta & National Institute of Communicable Diseases & National Agencies like National Institute of Communicable Diseases and National AIDS Control Organization, New Delhi.

5.16 The Infection Control Program shall provide education on infection control practices to staffs, doctors and other care givers.

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5.17 Apollo Hospitals Secunderabad shall implement an effective hand hygiene program and monitor continuously. WHO 2009 guidelines for hand hygiene shall be followed and the staff shall be continuously trained on the same.